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Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 4:09 PM
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Cc: chief@grafftonpolice.com; Evan Brassard; William Blake; Bonnie-Jean McGilvray
Subject: Music Update on Sunflower Shanty- August 6, 2022
Attachments: IMG_5959.MOV; DSC_0627.JPG; IMG_5955.MOV

Dear Select Board,

On August 6, 2022, The Sunflower Shanty violated their permit again and played music after their allowed time, 7:30PM. See attached video file name IMG_5959. I left my house at 7:50PM and music was still playing. I previously made you aware this happened on June 23rd as well, music played until after 8PM, refer to my previous email.

They also had what appeared to be a private function, see file name DSC_0627 on Saturday August 6th. My understanding is The Sunflower Shanty was served a cease and desist until they were properly permitted, making private functions not allowed.

Since you folks are the permitting authority, per Mat Often, at what point is the Board going to take our concerns and complaints serious? Since you are the permitting authority, when are you going to start enforcing the permits you issue? The police department cannot enforce the noise because there is no noise ordinance, therefore, I am not going to call them anymore. It's a waste of their time and resources. The Houlden's were told they can continue with no more noise mitigation until the police agree with our complaints, I will continue to email the Select Board instead, documenting the non-responsiveness.

From day one, we have complained about the music and the level of it. We ask is that it is turned down to a level that is acceptable to us, the other neighbors and an R40 zone. I should not hear the lyrics clear enough to sing along in my back yard (IMG-5955). It should also be required that the Houlden's are held accountable for violations just like every other business would be in Grafton.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best,

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From: Jennifer Rychlik <jennifer@pci-1.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 1:13 PM
To: coughlanf@graffton-ma.gov
Subject: Sunflower Shanty- Houlden Farms
Attachments: Music Update on Sunflower Shanty- August 20, 2022 (3.93 MB); Music Update on Sunflower Shanty- August 6, 2022 (26.2 MB)

Hi Fiona,

Thanks for the call back.

As I mentioned, on several occasions, the Sunflower Shanty had blatant disregard for the permits issued to them by the Select Board, playing music after their allotted time. Another issue that seemed to go on deaf ears until I filed formal complaints to the health department, police department and Zoning Officer. In the emails attached, you will hear what we hear when there is amplified music. You will see that some videos are further back on my property and it's still loud and not something we should have to listen to. Due to the size, the videos are shortened so I can email them. Feel free to share with the board.

Again, if a neighbor of a board member played amplified music Friday, Saturday, and Sunday until 8PM and this is what they heard, I'm sure they wouldn't want to live with it either. The Houlden's have made it known that they are NOT moving the Shanty, this was also a request we made last year, therefore, I ask the Board to consider requiring acoustic music only to the special permit as amplified music is and what has always been the issue. I would also like no private functions, like weddings or birthday parties that go late into the night. Bob Berger can confirm this, they were served a cease and desist for private events until properly permitted, yet they continued hosting private events throughout the year. So, I have no doubt that they will violate whatever parameters they are given.

Thank you.

Regards,

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